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CAUSE NO. 2009-12-6671-D

RICHARD GOMEZ,  
*Plaintiff,*

vs.

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT  
BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS,  
*Defendant.*

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF

CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS

103<sup>RD</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT**DEFENDANT'S ORIGINAL ANSWER AND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES**

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

Comes now Defendant the University of Texas at Brownsville and files its Original Answer and Affirmative Defenses to Plaintiff's Original Petition:

**GENERAL DENIAL**

Pursuant to Rule 92, Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, and for the express purpose of requiring the Plaintiff to meet his burden of proof herein, Defendant denies each and every, all and singular, of Plaintiff's allegations, and demands strict proof thereof.

**AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES**

1. Defendant asserts the affirmative defense of sovereign immunity to any and all claims against it to which that defense may apply.
2. Defendant is not the proper party to be sued for Plaintiff's First and Fourteenth Amendment claims.
3. Plaintiff failed to mitigate his damages.
4. Defendant asserts the affirmative defense of limitations for any claims outside the applicable limitations period.
5. Defendant reserves the right to add additional affirmative defenses at a later date if such defenses become known to Defendant.

**PRAYER**

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Defendant prays that:

1. Plaintiff takes nothing by his action; and
2. Defendant recovers all costs, including attorney's fees, and such other and further relief to which it is entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

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